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1. In early October 1950, the Chinese Communist government received orders from Moscow to consolidate the South China coastal defenses, with particular attention to the Swatow-Amoy sector. The Chinese Communists sent military engineers, along with Soviet advisors, on a coastal inspection tour which resulted in the following decisions:
 - a. To strengthen coastal defenses and build more fortifications.
 - b. To destroy and rebuild fortifications not meeting standard specifications.
 - c. To assign regular troops to the areas of Haifeng (115-20, 22-58), Huilai (116-18, 23-03), and Swatow.*
 - d. To send naval ships to the Wanshan Islands for more intensive patrols.
2. On 17 October, KU Ta-ts'un (古大存),** deputy governor of Kwangtung, announced that a South China Sea Coast Administration, with branch offices along the coast, was to be established for the purpose of strengthening defenses.
3. On 14 October LI T'ao (李涛)*** arrived in Canton under orders from the defense section of the Chinese Communist Revolutionary Military Council.
4. On 15 October the following officials visited defense works at Humon (113-41, 22-49) and T'ai-p'ingch'ang (113-27, 23-26):
 - LI Tso-p'ong (李作鹏), chief-of-staff of the Kwangtung Military District.
 - LI Huai-chang (李懷章),**** chief-of-staff of the Pearl River Defense command.
 - WANG Tso-yao (王作堯),***** deputy chief of the Pearl River Defense command.

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HUA An-pang (華安邦), engineer in the Canton office of the National Defense Section and supervisor of all defense works in this area.

5. By 25 October defense works along the Paoan (113-56, 22-32) -T'ai'ing highway were completed.

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